

KILLS HIMSELF IN WIFE'S ABSENCE

Mrs. Ebersole Discovers Husband's Dead Body Upon Entering Her Home.

DRINKING CAUSES SUICIDE

BULLET FROM REVOLVER GOES THROUGH VICTIM'S HEAD.

Her husband's dead body was the first thing Mrs. Daniel C. Ebersole saw on opening the door of her house at 159 West Second South street yesterday afternoon about 3:30 o'clock on her return from a visit to Provo. Ebersole had committed suicide by shooting himself through the head. The act of self-destruction must have taken place about an hour before Mrs. Ebersole's return, as the room was filled with powder smoke when the wife entered it, and Ebersole's body was still warm.

Ebersole last winter held the position of janitor of the building occupied by the Western Electric company. He lost that position several months ago and was out of work at the time he ended his life.

It is believed that he became despondent after a period of heavy drinking.

Last Monday Mrs. Ebersole went to Provo to be at the bedside of her mother, Mrs. Fannie Davis, who is very near death's door. Yesterday, she said, she had a premonition that something was wrong with her husband and took a train for Salt Lake.

She alighted from a depot car in front



DANIEL C. EBERSOLE, Who killed himself by shooting Friday afternoon.

of her house a little after 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon and stood upon the sidewalk for a few minutes, chatting with a friend before entering the house. When she opened the door of the sitting room she saw her husband lying face downward upon a lounge, with a terrible wound in his head. The lounge was close to the door, under a window, through which the sunlight streamed, and the body was the first thing that Mrs. Ebersole's eyes fell upon as she entered the room.

Wife Utters a Cry.

Torn with grief and terror, she uttered a cry which quickly brought others into the room.

Mrs. Ebersole stated that she was married to her husband nearly twelve years ago. They have no children. Ebersole's father is a wealthy farmer of Dallas County, Ia.

"My husband had many friends," said Mrs. Ebersole. "I have few, as I do not think that friends do much to make one happy. My husband's friends may have induced him to drink while I was away, and that may have been the cause of his despondency. He was away once before and on my return found my husband intoxicated. He told me then that if such a thing ever occurred again he would kill himself."

"We were very happy together and there was no reason, other than despondency due to drinking, for my husband to wish to kill himself. Although he was out of work, he had money in bank and we had an income from the rooms we sublet in the house we occupy."

The Ebersoles formerly lived in Whitmore terrace. Last March they took the rooming house at 159 West Second South street.

Ebersole was 45 years of age. His body was sent to O'Donnell's undertaking establishment. Justice of the Peace Dora T. Smith, acting as coroner, has decided that an inquest will not be necessary.

Shoots While Kneeling.

Ebersole must have shot himself while kneeling upon the lounge in the sitting room. The bullet entered the right side of the head above the ear and passed out on the left side. Ebersole apparently then fell face downward upon the lounge, staining the cushions red with the blood from the wound. His death must have been instantaneous. The revolver, a .38 caliber weapon, was found at his side upon the lounge. His fingers still encircled the handle of the weapon.

The police were able to find only one man who had heard the sound of the fatal shot, although there were several persons in the house at the time Ebersole killed himself. This man was Peter Kales, an Italian laborer, who occupies a room in the rear of the Ebersole house. Kales said that about 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon he heard a noise sounding somewhat like the popping of an inflated paper bag. The sound came from the Ebersole sitting room. The Italian made no inquiries, thinking the matter of no importance until he learned that Ebersole was dead.

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LITIGANTS WEEP IN FRENCH CASE

Mrs. French Hysterical When Husband Breaks Down on Witness Stand.

HE'S WILLING TO MAKE UP

REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY ALIMONY IS CUT IN TWO.

Mary W. French, who is suing Frank D. French for divorce, charging non-support and infidelity, yesterday endeavored to secure \$100 a month alimony pending the trial of the case. Judge Morse awarded her \$50 a month and \$50 attorney's fees.

The efforts of the husband and wife to agree and the evident sorrow of both caused by their failure made the scene an unusual one.

Mrs. French arrived at the courthouse before her husband, and, with her sister, sat in the corridor outside of the courtroom.

Shortly afterwards French appeared with his attorney, Benner X. Smith, and when he passed his wife in the hall she broke down and cried.

While on the stand and testifying in her own behalf, Mrs. French cried several times. French when called to testify later in regard to his ability to pay the alimony demanded said he was willing to take his wife back. He also broke down.

French's failure to control his emotions completely unnerved the wife and she became so hysterical that it was necessary to take her from the room. She did not return and remained in the corridor until after the hearing.

Mrs. French is a tall, slender woman of striking appearance. She was dressed in a neat black tailored suit and a white waist and wore a large hat, adorned with feathers in profusion. It was of the large circular variety.

French is a medium-sized man and was plainly dressed. He is the president and manager of the Utah Billposting company and is well known here.

Details Married Life.

Mrs. French was the first to take the stand. She really took it, too, and swept into it with the air of a queen on dress parade. She first told of her married life since 1893 and detailed how in October, 1906, French had come here with the view of starting in business. He returned to their old home at Ridgway, Colo., during the Christmas holidays and then came back to Salt Lake, where he remained until February, 1906, when he came to Salt Lake, and has remained here ever since. Mrs. French asserted that since that time she has received only \$25 from her husband.

While on the stand Mrs. French seemed all at ease, and especially during the cross-examination by Benner X. Smith. She was unable to remember dates, and on one occasion said:

"O gracious, I can't remember that sort of stuff."

"Are you willing to come here now and live with your husband?" asked Mr. Smith.

"No, I am not," came the rather faltering answer.

She said that since February, 1906, she had for the most part resided with her brother, Amos Walters, at Ridgway, Colo., or Denver. She had relatives in California with relatives and is now stopping at the Knutsford with her sister.

She alleged that she was supported by her brother while she lived at Ridgway. Mr. Smith, however, secured an admission from her that she had run various bills, one for \$100 at a Denver store, and charged them to her husband. This was since he left Denver, and the bill mentioned was contracted in less than sixty days.

He Borrowed \$200.

She also admitted that he had borrowed \$200 on a note from her brother and given her the money, "to pay old bills with," so she said.

Doctors' and dentists' bills in California and Colorado also figured among the list.

How do you estimate your necessary expenses for a month, which you ask for?" said Mr. Smith.

Mrs. French was unable to answer at first, but she finally said:

"It would be my living, my clothes, wouldn't it?"

She was unable to give any detailed statement, however, and asked where she was staying, said that she was at the present at the Knutsford.

It appeared, however, that she had an agreement a year ago in writing whereby if Mrs. French should secure a divorce he would give her \$75 a month and also \$10.00 in four \$2.50 installments. He signed the agreement, but she did not.

E. C. Lackner, who appeared for Mrs. French, endeavored to have the document introduced in evidence, but did not succeed, it being ruled out by the court.

Mrs. French was most free in talking about money. When asked how much life insurance her husband carried, payable to her, she answered:

"He has one policy for fifteen and another for five, I think."

"Do you mean fifteen cents?" asked Mr. Smith.

"No, \$15,000," responded the witness.

"Did you ever have any difficulties before you came here?" she was asked.

"No," was the reply.

"Did you live happily?"

"Well, I can't say that."

Mrs. French's Wardrobe.

Asked what her immediate needs as far as clothing were, Mrs. French admitted that she had only three waists and two suits to her name, and the attorney could not make her say anything different.

French was the next witness called and was interrogated by Mr. Lackner as to his business connections and his income. He made a detailed statement as to his assets and liabilities and declared that he drew a salary of \$25 a week as manager of the billposting company.

He said that while his wife was in Colorado in the spring of 1906 he had sent her about \$200 and had paid numerous bills contracted by her since.

He admitted owing her brother \$50, but said that it had all been paid out for her support and that her brother held his notes for the amount.

Generous to Wife.

Of the \$20,000 life insurance which he carries, \$15,000 is payable to Mrs. French and \$5,000 to his estate. He has paid the premiums on this insurance for some years, and the last \$5,000, which is also payable to the wife, was taken out in September, 1906, nearly a year after the separation.

"I have asked my wife on numerous occasions to come out here and live with me," he said, "but each time she has refused, saying that she would not live among a lot of Mormon farmers."

"Would you take her back, were she willing?" asked Mr. Smith.

"Yes, I would," came the firm response.

It was at this time that Mr. French broke down and that his wife on seeing his condition became so hysterical that she left the courtroom.

After hearing the evidence for two hours, Judge Morse decided that \$50 a month was enough for the wife and awarded her attorney \$50, which must be paid before June 15.

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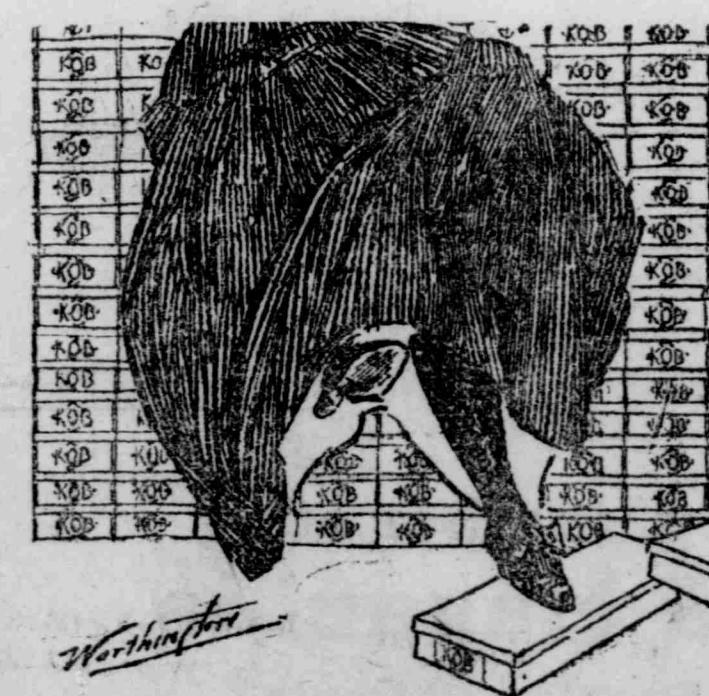
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